

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, August 2, 2010, for the purpose of discussing FY 2011 Capital Projects and the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:02 p.m. It was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Emmett V. Jordan and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager and David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: William Orleans and James Giese, News Review

Capital Projects Budget

Mr. McLaughlin began by reviewing the Building Capital Reserve Fund. Next, he reviewed the Capital Projects Fund.

Mayor Davis suggested that the City use bus stop funds to make sidewalk, accessibility and concrete pad improvements at bus stops. Ms. Mach suggested a survey of bus stop needs. Mr. Putens suggested that the City consider a shelter design that better protects users from the elements. Mr. Roberts asked how the City decided which stops needed a shelter. Mr. McLaughlin responded that initially stops were located where the greatest demand existed, but that lately some shelters had been where a partnership existed.

Under Gateway Signage, Mr. McLaughlin indicated staff would try and bring this project back to Council. Mayor Davis asked if renovation to the Southway entrance sign could be included. There was discussion about including community organization signage. Ms. Pope expressed support for telephone pole banners. Mr. Jordan suggested a unified signage plan.

Mayor Davis relayed a concern raised by Mr. and Mrs. Marley about the asphalt at the traffic circle at the Schrom Hills roundabout. Mr. McLaughlin responded that this work would be completed shortly. Mayor Davis also stated that the City needed to begin to incorporate green streets.

Mr. McLaughlin updated Council on the tennis court project, noting that the original vendor had declined the work.

Council discussed the bollards along the allee at Schrom Hills Park. Mr. Putens stressed the need to look at the condition of the benches there as well. Ms. Mach suggested looking at solar powered bollards.

Greenbelt Middle School Task Force

Mayor Davis asked if the Board of Education had responded to the City regarding the creation

of a task force to consider uses for the historic portion of the school. Mr. McLaughlin responded that the City had not heard back. Council discussed the creation of a task force, its membership and how the building might be used. Mr. Roberts encouraged the task force to look at using the entire building. He also wanted the facility to generate revenue to pay for itself.

Council favored the creation of a Greenbelt task force similar in size to the Community Center Task Force (CCTF). Council favored the same advisory group representation as on CCTF with the addition of representatives from the Advisory Committee on Education and the Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. Jordan suggested the inclusion of a business representative.

The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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